

Fresno, CA - Today, Congressman Jim Costa (CA-20) issued the following statement in support for the Executive Order creating "A California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley." This partnership will bring together various local and state government and private entities committed to bringing about economic growth and prosperity within the San Joaquin Valley.

Statement From Congressman Costa in Support of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley:

"I applaud the efforts of the Governor in announcing this new and important initiative and creating a partnership that involves the private sector, the academic community, and local, state and federal governments. Those of us who have worked on behalf of the Valley know and understand the challenges we face; however, we also know of the vast potential of the San Joaquin Valley.

Fortunately, we come together today to mark the formation of 'A California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.' This is an exciting opportunity for many people to bring their diverse knowledge to the drawing board and rededicate themselves to implementing a plan for revitalizing the San Joaquin Valley. Building working relationships with various governmental and nongovernmental agencies is a step in the right direction toward improving our Valley's economy. Together we will have a greater ability to advocate on behalf of the San Joaquin Valley and commit ourselves to bringing an economically prosperous San Joaquin Valley to fruition.

I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues in the California Congressional Delegation, especially those who represent the area, as well as the partners in this new initiative as we continue our efforts on behalf of the San Joaquin Valley."

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